

**Table 2. Estimated rates of unintended pregnancies, unintended births and abortions per 1,000 women, age and marital status, and percentage of unintended pregnancies ended by abortion, by characteristic, 1981, 1987 and 1994**

Characteristic	Unintended pregnancy			Unintended birth			Abortion			% ended by abortion		
	1981	1987	1994	1981	1987	1994	1981	1987	1994	1981	1987	1994
<b>Total</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>54.0</b>
<b>Age at outcome</b>												
15–19	78.1	79.3	71.1	35.2	37.1	38.9	42.9	42.2	32.2	54.9	53.2	45.3
20–24	93.6	102.7	96.0	42.3	50.2	43.0	51.4	52.5	53.0	54.8	51.1	55.2
25–29	60.6	66.1	58.4	29.3	35.4	25.3	31.3	30.8	33.1	51.6	46.5	56.7
30–34	37.0	37.3	33.1	19.3	19.3	14.6	17.7	17.9	18.4	47.8	48.2	55.7
35–39	15.0	18.8	17.8	5.5	9.0	7.8	9.5	9.8	10.0	63.5	52.2	56.3
≥40*	4.3	5.3	5.0	0.9	2.4	1.8	3.4	2.9	3.2	78.2	54.3	64.7
<b>Marital status at outcome</b>												
Currently married†	u	41.5	29.2	u	29.8	18.4	u	11.7	10.8	u	28.2	37.0
Formerly married	u	54.6	40.4	u	19.0	14.1	u	35.7	26.3	u	65.3	65.1
Never married	u	71.5	70.8	u	23.2	28.2	u	48.2	42.5	u	67.5	60.1

\*Numerator for rates is women aged 40 and older; denominator is women aged 40–44. †Includes separated women. *Notes:* All measures exclude miscarriages. The intention status of births is based on births in the five years before the interviews in 1988 and 1995 and in the four years before the 1982 interview. u=unavailable.